

(c) the steps taken by the Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Sri Lanka and the US have an ongoing programme of cooperation between the defence establishments of the two countries which includes courses in defence institutions, visit of experts and Joint exercises on lines similar to what exists between the US and other countries in our region.

(b) and (c). The Government closely monitor all development which have a bearing on India's security interests.

#### Snow Removed by BRO

3357. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantum of snow (cu meters) removed by the Boader Road Organisation (BRO) from the Zojila, Rohtang, Baralacha, Taklang, Khardong and Changla passes separately during the last three years, year-wise and total expenditure incurred each year separately for snow clearance operations on the above passes;

(b) whether proposal to construct a tunnel through Rohtang Pass is under consideration of the Government;

(c) if so, the total expenditure likely to be incurred on the tunnel on Rohtang Pass;

(d) whether the Government propose to conduct a survey to construct tunnels through Zojila and Khardong passes; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) The details of snow clearance and expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years from 1993-94 to 1995-96 are given in the enclosed statement.

(b) There is a proposal to construct a tunnel across Rohtang pass. M/s RITES are presently engaged in conducting a feasibility study in this connection.

(c) The cost of construction of Rohtang tunnel will be known only after the feasibility study is completed. However, as on March, 1994, the tentative cost of construction was estimated at Rs.351 crores.

(d) and (e). There is at present no proposal to conduct survey for construction of Tunnels across Zojila and Khardungla passes.

#### STATEMENT

*Statement showing Snow Clearance and Expenditure Incurred from years 1993-94 to 1995-96*

S. No.	Name of Pass	Snow cleared (CU metres)			Total	Expenditure incurred (Rs. in lacs)			Total
		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	
1.	Zojila	2130863	2014361	1381052	5526276	21.15	21.15	21.15	63.45
2.	Rohtang	2504755	2440673	2185437	7130865	41.50	41.50	41.50	124.50
3.	Baralachala	136508	140332	137236	414076	2.18	2.18	2.18	6.54
4.	Taklang	124506	120380	121580	366466	20.61	20.61	20.61	61.83
5.	Khardong	3036890	3186394	3280306	9503590	47.13	47.13	47.13	141.39
6.	Changla	1514832	1631465	1539865	4686162	24.70	24.70	24.70	74.10

#### Bridges in Goa

3358. SHRI CHURCHILL ALEMAO : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to complete the bridges on the Talpona and Galgibaga rivers along National Highway-17 in Goa;

(b) the cost of the bridges; and

(c) the time by which the same are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c). The work of construction of bridges on Talporra and Galgibaga rivers has been included in the 8th Five Year Plan. The

alignment has been approved and land acquisition completed. Due to paucity of fund, the State Government have been asked to take up the work under B.O.T. Scheme.

#### Sailja Committee in regard to KVS

3359. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the recommendations of Sailja Committee appointed in 1995 regarding the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; and

(b) The details of the recommendations accepted and implemented by the Government?